

Amendments to the Claims

1. (original) A lottery card reader comprising
 - (A) a clip made from two separate pieces that are assembled together, said clip having a first and a second pair of arms attached to a pivot, where the arms in said first pair are separated and the arms in said second pair are resiliently biased towards each other, whereby moving said first pair of arms together moves said second pair of arms apart; and
 - (B) a transparent flap attached to said clip that can cover games on a lottery card to which said clip is attached, whereby a lottery card inserted between said second pair of arms under said transparent flap is releaseably gripped by said second pair of arms.
2. (original) A lottery card reader according to Claim 1 wherein said two separate pieces snap together.
3. (original) A lottery card reader according to Claim 1 wherein said transparent flap is a single, unfolded sheet.
4. (original) A lottery card reader according to Claim 1 wherein said two separate pieces are each molded plastic.
5. (original) A lottery card reader according to Claim 1 wherein said transparent flap can be eraseably written on in ink.
6. (original) A lottery card reader according to Claim 1 wherein said transparent flap is about 3 to about 4 inches long and about 1¾ to about 2 inches wide.

7. (original) A lottery card reader according to Claim 1 wherein a vertical reference mark is printed on said transparent flap.
8. (original) A lottery card reading assembly comprising (A) a lottery card and (B) a lottery reader according to Claim 1 attached thereto.
9. (original) A lottery card reading assembly comprising (A) a lottery card reader according to Claim 1 and (B) an envelope in which said lottery card can be placed, where a table is printed on said envelope, said table having spaces therein for inserting information about each of a multiplicity of lottery cards.
10. (original) A method of checking a lottery card that has symbols marked on it that were chosen for at least two identical games, comprising attaching a lottery card reader according to Claim 1 to the top of said card, marking the winning symbols on said transparent flap, and re-attaching said lottery card reader to said lottery card so that the symbols marked on said transparent flap coincide with the corresponding symbols of each game played.
11. (original) A lottery card reader comprising
 - (A) a clip made from two separate pieces of molded plastic that are assembled together, said clip having a first and a second pair of arms attached to a pivot, where the arms in said first pair are separated and the arms in said second pair are resiliently biased towards each other, whereby moving said first pair of arms together moves said second pair of arms apart; and

(B) a transparent flap that is a single, unfolded sheet attached to said clip that can cover games on a lottery card to which said clip is attached, whereby a lottery card inserted between said second pair of arms under said transparent flap is releaseably gripped by said second pair of arms.

12. (original) A lottery card reader according to Claim 11 wherein said two separate pieces snap together.

13. (original) A lottery card reader according to Claim 11 wherein said transparent flap can be eraseably written on in ink.

14. (original) A lottery card reader according to Claim 11 wherein said transparent flap is about 3 to about 4 inches long and about 1¾ to about 2 inches wide.

15. (original) A lottery card reader according to Claim 11 wherein a vertical reference mark is printed on said transparent flap.

16. (original) A lottery card reading assembly comprising (A) an envelope upon which is printed a table having spaces therein for inserting information about each of a multiplicity of lottery cards and (B) a lottery card reader according to Claim 11 clipped thereto.

17. (original) A lottery card reading assembly comprising (A) a lottery card and (B) a lottery reader according to Claim 11 attached thereto.

18. (original) A lottery card reader comprising

- (A) a clip made from two separate pieces of molded plastic that snap together, said clip having a first and a second pair of arms attached to a pivot, where the arms in said first pair are separated and the arms in said second pair are resiliently biased towards each other, whereby moving said first pair of arms together moves said second pair of arms apart; and
- (B) a rectangular transparent flap that is a single, unfolded sheet about 3 to about 4 inches long by about 1¾ to about 2 inches wide having a vertical reference line printed thereon, attached to said clip which can cover games on a lottery card to which said clip is attached, whereby a lottery card inserted between said second pair of arms under said transparent flap is releaseably gripped by said second pair of arms.

19. (currently amended) A lottery card reader according to Claim 18 wherein said transparent flap can be eraseably written on in ink.

20. (currently amended) A lottery card reading assembly comprising (A) a lottery card and (B) a lottery reader according to Claim ~~19~~ 18 attached thereto.